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1. SUMMARY. DURING PLENARY SESSION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FRONT FOR SOCIALIST UNITY, APRIL 15-17, SPEECHES OF CEAUSESCU AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS EMPHASIZED UNITY OF ROMANIANS, MAGYARS, GERMANS, AND OTHER NATIONALITY GROUPS WITHIN ROMANIAN STATE AND DEVELOPMENT OF "SOCIALIST PATRIOTISM" FREED FROM CLASS ANTAGONISMS. CEAUSESCU HIT ONCE AGAIN AT "COSMOLOPITANISM." END SUMMARY.

2. CEAUSESCU SANDWICHED IN ADDRESS TO PLENARY SESSION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FRONT FOR SOCIALIST UNITY IN MIDST OF RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS (SEE REFTEL). OF PRIMARY CONCERN IN CEAUSESCU SPEECH WAS "PATRIOTIC EDUCATION OF WORKERS" TO COMBAT "COSMOPOLITAN CONCEPTIONS" WHICH "NEGATE NATIONS, NATIONALITIES, AND THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO LIVE FREELY AND TO ORDER THEIR LIVES AS THEY SO DESIRE". AT FOUNDATION OF THIS EDUCATION, ACCORDING TO CEAUSESCU, WAS FACT THAT ROMANIANS, MAGYARS, GERMANS, AND OTHER NATIONALITIES HAVE LIVED ON SAME TERRITORY AND "HAVE WORKED, STRUGGLED, AND PROGRESSED TOGETHER THROUGHOUT HISTORY".

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3. COMMENT. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE LINKED "COSMOPOLITANISM" TO "OLD-STYLE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM". EDITOR OF MAGAZIN ISTORIC TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR IT MEANS "KOWTOWING OUTWARD, DENIGRATING LOCAL OR NATIONAL CULTURAL VALUES," WHEREAS "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AND "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE" IMPLY GREAT-POWER POLITICAL DIRECTION OR LEADERSHIP FROM A "CENTER". ROMULUS CAPLESCU (FOREIGN EDITOR, SCINTEIA) TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT "COSMOPOLITANISM" ALSO IMPLIED GREEK ROOT "COSMOS" (GLOBAL ORIENTATION) IN TERMS OF CENTER, "BIG-BROTHER-KNOWS-BEST" ARROGATION OF RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR OTHERS. THUS TERMS SEEMS TO BE "ALL AZIMUTHS" PEJORATIVE OPPOSITION TO ANY UNDUE OUNHIDE INFLUENCE, EAST OR WEST.

4. DEFENDING ROMANIAN NATIONAL MARXISM, CEAUSESCU VIEWS "SOCIALIST PATRIOTISM" AS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH MARXISM-LENINSIM. CEAUSESCU STATED THAT PLENARY SESSION WAS PREPARATORY TO CONVENING OF CONGRESS FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION AND SOCIALIST CULTURE SOMETIME IN JUNE, AND ONE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL'S ACTIONS WAS FORMAL APPROVAL OF CONGRESS.

5. AMPLIFYING CEAUSESCU'S THEMES WERE STATEMENTS BY OTHER MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE ETHNIC MINORITY SPEAKERS. PROFESSOR CAROL GOLNER, IN STRONG SUPPORT OF CEAUSESCU THESIS OF UNITY OF NATIONALITIES WITHIN ROMANIA, LAUDED COMMISSIONS FOR POPULARIZING HISTORICAL TRUTHS ABOUT ORIGINS OF ROMANIAN PEOPLE, WHILE DECRYING FALSIFIERS OF ROMANIAN HISTORY.

6. COMMENT. CONTEMPORANUL (APRIL 16) BLASTED HUNGARIAN EMIGRE JOURNAL VAGYUNK (MUNICH) FOR DENYING ROMANIA'S LATIN PATRIMONY AND CRYPTICALLY NOTED "IT IS KNOWN WHO PAYS" SUCH EMIGRES, LEAVING IT TO READER TO GUESS WHETHER SOVIETS OR WESTERN IMPERIALISTS WERE GUILTY. THIS IS FIRST OPEN ATTACK ON A MAGYAR EMIGRE PUBLICATION IN MEMORY AND MIRROWS MORE COMBATIVE ROMANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD "FALSIFIERS".

7. ANOTHER GERMAN, ASSISTANT EDITOR ERNEST BREITENSTEIN OF FRONT'S GERMAN-LANGUAGE DAILY NEUER WEG, IGNORING CEAUSESCU'S STATED RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, FOUND OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICIZE "SO-CALLED SONNENFELDT

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DOCTRINE" AS THREAT TO NATIONAL LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE, NOTING ITS NEARLY UNANIMOUS REJECTION BY AMERICAN PRESS. PRAISING CEAUSESCU AND RCP FOR ENLIGHTENED POLICIES, HE ECHOED CEAUSESCU THESIS OF HISTORICAL UNITY OF NATIONALITIES IN ROMANIA.

8. SIMILARLY, DEZIDERIU SZILAGYI, EDITOR OF FRONT'S MAGYAR-LANGUAGE DAILY FLORE, CHORUSED AGREEMENT WITH PREVIOUS SPEAKERS.

INEXPLICABLY, SCINTEIA OMITTED CONCLUSION OF SZILAGYI SPEECH, WHICH WAS PRINTED IN ROMANIA LIBERA. OMITTED PORTION VEHEMENTLY REJECTED "FOREIGN IDEAS AND CONCEPTIONS WHICH WOULD DAMAGE THE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS OF THE PARTY OR OUR COMMUNIST PRINCIPLES, CONVICTIONS, TRUTHS, AND IDEALS". GIVEN GENERALLY STRONG SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT BY SZILAGYI, SCINTEIA OMISSION IS ODD.

9. PLENARY SESSION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER SHOW OF ROMANIAN NATIONAL UNITY, ESPECIALLY UNITY OF ROMANIANS WITH NATIONAL MINORITIES AND VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF ROMANIAN NATIONAL BRAND OF MARXISM-LENINISM. SIGNIFICANT HERE WERE STRONG SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS BY MINORITY SPOKESMEN. SESSION MAY BE EARLY INDICATION OF THEMES AND TONE TO BE ADOPTED AT JUNE CONGRESS FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE.
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